Gross irregularities in AIR/DD

†2278. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that C.A.G. has submitted its report with regard to gross irregularities in All India Radio and Doordarshan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there have been gross irregularities behind the non-achieving of the target fixed for expansion of transmission centers; and

(d) if so, the action, being taken by Government to check the increasing tendency of scams in AIR/Doordarshan and also against the guilty officers?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. C&AG in its report No. 2 of 2001 has pointed out certain irregularities in AIR/DD. A list of paras of the report is annexed as Statement. *(See* below).

(c) There have been shortfall in achievement of targets fixed for expansion due to delay in civil works and acquisition of sites, delay in procurement in equipment, law and order problems, delay due to arbitration proceedings, etc. However, no irregularities behind non-achievement of targets have been pointed out.

(d) Prasar Bharati is a Statutory autonomous body and Government does not interfere in its day to day functioning. Prasar Bharati has informed that the guidelines for selection of programmes are periodically reviewed and modified by them according to the changing requirements and to simplify the procedure for selection/ approval of programmes/serials in a transparent manner. Prasar Bharati has also informed that their Vigilance set-up has been/is being re-structured.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Statement

Details of paras relating to AIR and Doordarshan figuring in C&AG Report No 2 of 2001

S. No.	Para No.	Description
1	2.2	Working of Doordarshan Sports Consortium.
2	2.3	Loss of Rs. 25.44 crores due to undue benefit to
3	2.4	sponsors. Loss of Rs. 9.44 crore due to late booking of satellite.
4	2.5	Loss due to short accounting of commercial time.
5	2.6	Loss due to faulty decision.
6		Loss of revenue in telecasting a commissioned
7	2.7	programme on sponsorship. Non-recovery of dues from advertising agencies.
8	12.1	Unfruitful expenditure liquidated damages/penalty for failure.
9	12.2	Non-recovery of advertising ducs-CBA, AIR, Kanpur, Chennai and Kolkata.
10	12.3	Loss due to gross negligence-Betacam S.P. Recorders Loss of Rs. 24.90 lakh.

Digital Terrestrial Transmission in Metros

2279. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to launch Digital Terrestrial Transmission (DTT) in Metros;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the proposed expenditure to be made in its working; and